

MAYBE OUR NINE WILL SET RECORD THIS AFTERNOON

Nationals Are Almost Past
the Century Mark in
Games Lost.

FIELD MOVEMENT
PROVING POPULAR

District Promoters Jubilant Over
Indorsement of Long Advo-
cated Measure.

By HARRY M. DODD.

Sh. Maybe our ball team will establish a new season record today. That game yesterday made 99 in the loss column.

An adept lunacy commission might find the answer for Washington's ability, almost none, to lose, for surely those learned along logical lines have all given up in despair. For two days the locals have pitched errorless ball, and batted fairly well, yet they never win. Yesterday they got the little end of a 5 to 2 score at Boston.

Taking the accounts of the Washington games for the past month or so it would seem that the team and the pitching staff are altogether separate and distinct organizations. Harmony between the pair is an absent factor. Just so surely as the team plays well, just so surely as the pitchers want to blow up and vice versa. You can't beat it.

Yesterday a two-run lead fell to the lot of the locals as early as the second inning, but it was only a fleeting encouragement, for the Red Sox promptly proceeded to rise for the occasion and two in the fourth and three in the sixth handed Boston the game.

It is a pretty hard matter to determine the value of a pitcher simply by his performance against Washington, but, even at that, this young collegian, Collins, who did the slinging for the Red Sox, got by wonderfully well on his first time out. Only one of the five hits made by the Cantillon team came from anything. That was McBride's clout for a double in the second inning, Gessler scoring. Collins is a younger, rangier and stronger, and if his game yesterday is any criterion of his true form he should fit nicely into that southpaw vacancy on the Boston pitching staff.

St. Louis opens here tomorrow in a double-header. The first game starts at 2:30 o'clock.

Unbounded joy is going the rounds of Washington athletic promoters today over the announcement that a concerted effort will be made to establish and maintain a District sport field, upon which an annual series of outdoor games will be held. Commissioner Macfarland has heartily indorsed the plan and it needed pressure for the passage of the bill already seems evident.

It is a feature for which most of the managers about the city have been working for many years and nothing the District authorities could do would be more appreciated than the materialization of this proposition. Nearly all of the large cities of the North maintain these public fields and in indorsing the plans as advanced by Commissioner Macfarland Washington is only establishing an institution which has been considered a necessity in other cities for several years back.

McBride got three hits out of as many times at bat.

Already sixteen candidates have reported for the Central High School football eleven and are practicing daily in the school yard. Several additions are expected before the close of the week. As thorough a canvass as is being made at this time has failed to unearth any experienced material in the incoming freshman class, and Coach Kirby is depending entirely upon the men he now has for the showing of the O street school in the high school football championship series which is slated for the early part of October. Only several of the men now available played on the team last year, most of them being members of the scrub eleven.

It is true our Nationals have sunk to lowly depths, and have been the recipients of many unkind epithets thereby, but still in a New York paper this morning there lurks some consolation. The Boston Nationals' true "finds" therein termed the "Lovely Lizards."

The Athletics profited a little by Detroit's defeat yesterday, but still the Tigers are leading by twenty-five points. Accounts make careless playing blamable for Detroit's loss, and if that is the only trouble with the Tigers it's a cinch the Philadelphia crowd won't gain many more points in this manner, for if there ever was a team strictly upon its toes it is the Jennings outfit.

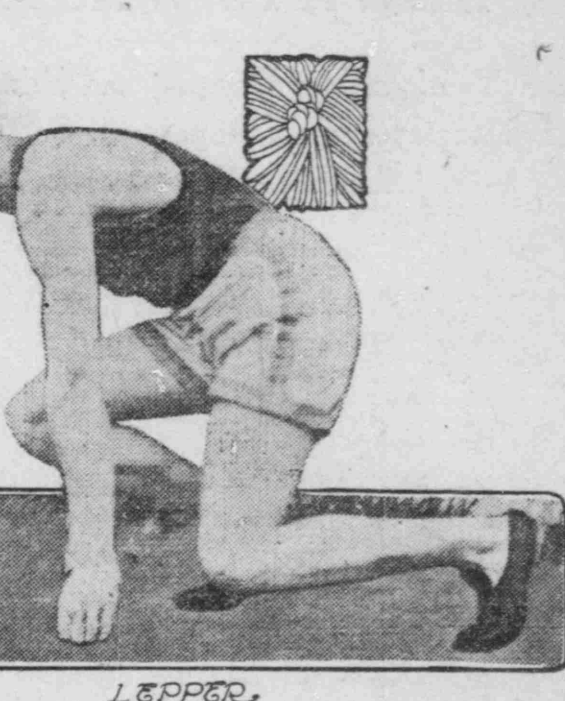
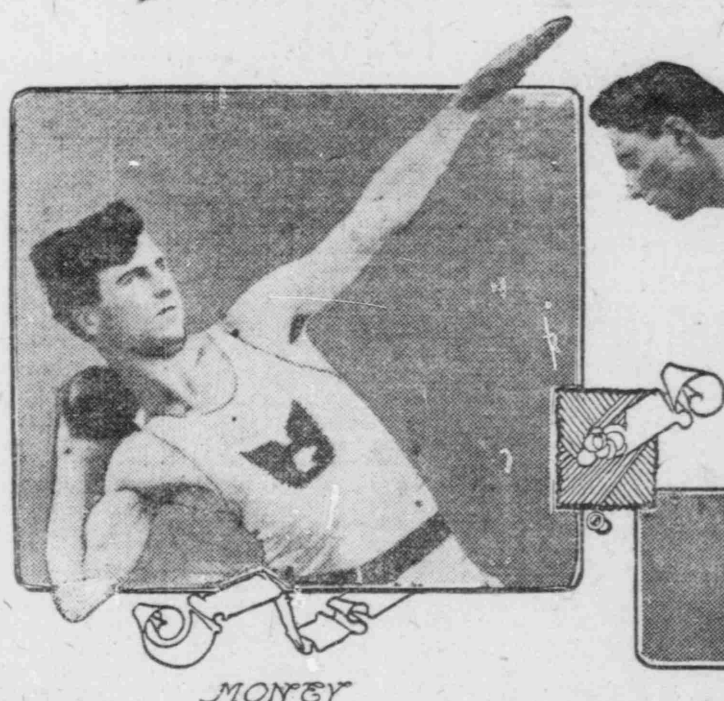
In the papers of every city around the big leagues' circuits regret is expressed over the untimely injury to Walter Johnson. Johnson's ability as a player and his gentlemanly deportment on and off the field have made him popular wherever he works, and each of the accounts plainly shows the esteem in which the Idaho boy is held outside of the Capital.

It is estimated that the Boston American League club will make \$250,000 on the present season. This is probably more money than that club has made since it had the championship teams in 1902 and 1903. While the Red Sox are packing their park at every game, the Boston Nationals, inverted leaders of the older league, are drawing below the 1,000 mark. Yesterday only several hundred watched the home team beat the Giants.

Some of our leading athletes are in training for the big church games to be held at Union League Park on Saturday, September 25. But few of these events have been pulled off here this summer and last season, and the fact is disclosed in the running of this one.

Preparations for the basketball season will be inaugurated at a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. building Friday evening. All of the local promoters have been invited to attend. Last season the sport flourished as never before both in point of meritable playing and in attendance. The game has been given new to Washington, but from the past-

TRIO OF CRACK ATHLETES ENTERED IN BIG CHURCH GAMES



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ronage it received last year it seems to have gained a permanent position in the Capital's sport routine.

It happened this wise yesterday:

The Score:	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Boston.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Niles, rf.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Lord, 2b.....	4	0	1	2	1	0
Speaker, cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
French, ss.....	4	2	2	2	2	0
Stahl, 1b.....	2	1	0	0	0	1
McConnell, 3b.....	3	1	1	0	0	1
Hooper, lf.....	4	1	3	3	1	0
Donohue, c.....	3	0	1	8	3	0
Collins, p.....	4	1	2	3	0	0
Totals.....	31	5	9	27	13	2
Washington.....	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Conroy, rf.....	3	0	1	4	4	0
Killifer, cf.....	2	0	0	1	0	0
Englaub, 1b.....	4	0	1	8	0	0
Gessler, lf.....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Lelivelt, lf.....	2	0	0	5	0	0
Yohe, 3b.....	3	0	0	1	1	0
McBride, ss.....	3	0	3	1	2	0
Street, c.....	4	0	0	4	0	0
Oberlin, p.....	3	0	0	0	4	0
Schaefer.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	2	5	24	13	0

"Batted for Yohe in the ninth.

Washington..... 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
Boston..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 5
Two-base hits—McBride, Hooper, Collins. Sacrifice fly—Donohue. Sacrifice hits—McConnell, Killifer, Lelivelt, Stolen base—French. Left on bases—Boston—3; Washington—4. Bases on balls—Off Oberlin, 5; off Collins, 4. Bases on errors—Washington, 2. Hit by pitcher—By Oberlin, 1. Struck out—By Collins, 5; by Oberlin, 3. Umpires—Messrs. Egan and Sheridan. Time of game—1 hour and 42 minutes. Attendance—4,955.

DAN PATCH HURT, MAY QUIT TRACK

Injury to Three of Animal's Legs
Is Considered Serious
by Experts.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 15.—Dan Patch, the world's greatest race horse, with a record of 1:55 and valued at \$50,000, may never race again.

The great horse's hind legs are both in bad shape, and one of the front legs is also out of condition. Horsemen say he never can race again, and the famous animal, which has made fortunes for his owner, will be turned into the Savage stock farm for the rest of his life.

STONE CONFIDENT OF WINNING BOUT

New York Scrapper Expects to De-
feat Kid Sullivan
Friday.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—Harry Stone, the New York lightweight, matched to meet Kid Sullivan, of Washington, before the Eureka Athletic Club at the Fourth Regiment armory Friday night. It is the first time that Stone has been in Baltimore. He is a lively looking youngster, tall and wiry, with a long reach, and of the clever school of boxers.

ATLANTA LANDS SOUTHERN FLAG

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 15.—Atlanta wins the Southern League 1909 pennant. This was definitely determined yesterday when Atlanta defeated Memphis 2 to 0 in a snappy game.

MIDDY OARSMEN TO WORK TODAY

Plans for Fall Rowing at An-
napolis Are Nearly
Complete.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—Plans are already under way at the Naval Academy for the opening of fall rowing practice. The shells of the crew squad were more or less damaged by the fire that destroyed the boathouse several weeks ago, and a representative from a prominent maker of racing shells is now here repairing them and getting them in readiness for use.

EXPECT CAPITALITES TO ENTER TOURNEY

Open Golf All This Week on Mary-
land Country Club
Links.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—Local golfers are preparing for a week of sport in the open golf tourney at the Maryland Country Club. The qualifying round, begun yesterday, will be continued this morning. This afternoon at 2 o'clock the first round will begin.

Players are expected to come from Washington and Richmond to compete. The course is in excellent condition, and fast play probably will be seen. Arrangements have been made for three sixteens.

WILL WIN PENNANT; THEN PRINT TICKETS

Experience of Last Season
Has Taught Pirate Own-
ers This Lesson.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15.—The Pittsburgh baseball club has made the announcement to the public that it would not take any chances printing tickets for the world's championship series until the pennant had been won by Pittsburgh beyond a doubt.

This brought out the fact that last year Pittsburgh was so sure of the flag and championship series that it had all its tickets printed long before the pennant was finally clinched by Chicago. When Brown beat Pittsburgh at Chicago last year, Barney Dreyfuss found himself with thousands of tickets labeled "World's Championship Series, Exposition Park," and he had no use for any of them because Chicago nosed his team out of the race.

REFEREE PREPARING FOR BIG MUNSEY RUN

Frank H. Trego Arrives and Discusses Plans—Is Com-
petent Official—Many Notables in Auto World
Will See Start of Tour.

By HARRY WARD.

Frank H. Trego, of the Chicago Motor Club, who will be the referee and chairman of the Frank A. Munsey reliability contest, arrived in Washington today, and will remain here until the start of the tour.

Mr. Trego is an old hand at the contest game, and is very thorough in his preparations for an event of the character of the Munsey tour. He has expressed his determination to run the contest in such a manner that there will be no possibility of a protest from any contestant at the conclusion of the event. Mr. Trego has acted as an official in so many automobile events in the last several years that he is thoroughly familiar with every angle of the game.

When the Munsey tour "hit the pike" on the morning of September 21 they will probably find the roads in very good condition. Advances received at tour headquarters are to the effect that the recent rains put the roads into fair shape.

It is expected that many men, prominent in the automobile manufacturing and sporting world, will be in Washington to see the start of the Munsey tour. The claps will begin to gather Friday, and, by Saturday afternoon, Washington will have more automobile celebrities in its midst than ever before in the history of the Capital City.

Advance gossip shows that every entrant has made his plans, selected his driver, and picked his passengers. Some of the best-known drivers in the country will participate, including Ray McNamara, W. A. Wood, Ed Leimbach, W. B. McBurney, O. P. Bernhart, Will Soules, Leo Shaab, and Harry Tatham.

The beating of Mickey Gannon by Johnny Willets has caused a demand for the services of Willets in New York, and he is likely to be matched with Leach Cross.

Leach Cross has declared off the night between himself and Fred Corbett, next Monday night.

Johnny Pearce, a son of Leslie Pearce, the well-known old-timer, will make his first appearance as a boxer in Philadelphia on Thursday night. He has been well schooled and taught the finer points of the game by his father, who was acknowledged as one of the best lightweights in the country.

The fact that Kyle Whitney and Callaway, the two colored fighters, jumped away as soon as they reached Philadelphia from the man who spent a lot of money bringing them "East" is causing considerable unfavorable comment in sporting circles.

Jack Brady, the best Indian welterweight, finished training yesterday for his bout in Philadelphia Thursday night, with Tommy Crawford.

With the entries of Melvin Sheppard, Emilio Lunghi, Harry Giesink, Harry Hillman, and Abel Kiviat in the 60 and 100 yard runs at the national indoor championships, in Madison Square Garden on October 4 and 5, the possibility of the long distance marks for these distances being displaced is greater than it has been in years. Many out-of-town athletes will be seen in action at the indoor championships. Among them are Ballard and Coe, of the Boston A. A.; Taylor, of the Chicago A. A.; Lukeman, the Canadian sprinter, and Shaw, of Chicago.

LANGFORD IN SHAPE FOR KETCHEL BOUT

Trainers Say Negro Fighter
Was Never in Better
Condition.

NORTHBORO, Mass., Sept. 15.—Satisfied that in meeting Stanley Ketchel in New York on Friday night he will be up against the hardest fight of his career, Sam Langford is training here today as he never trained before.

With George Evers as his sparring partner, the broad-shouldered Boston black is hustling over the roads and bending to his indoor work with a vim. Never, according to those who have watched his work, has Langford been in better shape, and if he is not the victor in the Ketchel bout, it will simply be because the "Michigan Assassin" can show superior speed and stamina.

Langford realizes that a victory over Ketchel would make a battle with Johnson almost a certainty, and is in shape to put up the fight of his career.

BROAD AND WILLIS TO FIGHT TONIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Billy Willis, the Italian champion, and Young Kid Broad, the hard-hitting lightweight, meet in Philadelphia tonight.

In the semi-windup Yankee Schwartz boxes Kid Beebe.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
Boston, 5; Washington, 2.
St. Louis, 3; Detroit, 2.
Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 4.
Philadelphia, 3; New York, 4.
Philadelphia, 3; New York, 2.

Games Today.
Washington at Boston.
Philadelphia at New York.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit.....	85	47	.622
Philadelphia.....	84	50	.627
Boston.....	79	56	.585
Chicago.....	88	67	.564
Cleveland.....	85	68	.557
New York.....	69	73	.482
St. Louis.....	59	75	.440
Washington.....	54	79	.409

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
Boston, 5; New York, 0.
Brooklyn, 1; Philadelphia, 0.
Chicago, 4; Cincinnati, 2.
Pittsburgh vs. St. Louis—Rain.

Games Today.
New York at Boston.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh.....	81	42	.656
Chicago.....	81	42	.656
New York.....	77	61	.611
Cincinnati.....	66	65	.504
Philadelphia.....	64	64	.500
St. Louis.....	47	53	.470
Brooklyn.....	47	53	.470
Boston.....	38	58	.396

VANDERBILT RACE IS NOW ASSURED

October 30 Is the Date Set
for Big Automobile
Event.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Automobile manufacturers, who have been in doubt for many months concerning the running of the next Vanderbilt cup race, hailed today's announcement authorized by William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., president of the Motor Cups Holding Association, that the race would be held this year. October 30 has been set as the date for the race, which will be run on a course consisting of part of the Long Island Motor Parkway and public highways in Nassau county, Long Island.

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